

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A MISTAKEN IDENTITY CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Drumchapel United FC

on behalf of

Alec Docherty

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Tuesday 18th April 2023 to deliberate this Claim.
2. During the West of Scotland First Division fixture between Johnstone Burgh FC and Drumchapel United FC at Keanie Park on Saturday 15th April 2023, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for a second caution.
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Mistaken Identity on behalf of the player. In support of this Claim, the Club submitted video footage showing the incident in question and written submissions.
4. In order for a Claim of Mistaken Identity to be upheld, the Fast Track Tribunal must be satisfied, by way of evidence submitted and upon the balance of probabilities, that the Referee made an Obvious Refereeing Error in issuing a second caution to the incorrect player.
5. In summary, the Claimant's written submission was that this was a case of Mistaken Identity as the perpetrator of the offence was another player also on the Claimant's team, whose identity was disclosed and had also submitted a statement accepting culpability.
6. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident (which due to its quality was not entirely helpful and was therefore not particularly persuasive) and carefully considered the written submissions from the Claimants. It also considered the relevant definitions from Laws of the Game in relation to the incident.
7. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided, unanimously, that the Claimants had been unsuccessful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred.
8. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the second caution resulting in a sending off to be maintained.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.